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*The lattice of noncrossing partitions via representation theory of quivers.*

Associated to any finite reflection group, there is a combinatorial object called the lattice of noncrossing partitions. In type  $A$ , these are just the classical noncrossing partitions. In this talk, I will discuss a new approach to the lattice of noncrossing partitions for crystallographic reflection groups, using the representation theory of quivers. This approach yields a new proof that the noncrossing partitions do indeed form lattices for these groups (a result proved in a type-free way for the first time earlier this year by Brady and Watt), and also clarifies connections between noncrossing partitions, clusters, and other related objects. (Received August 16, 2005)